

# Sotto Veloce



THE CHICAGO ALFA ROMEO OWNER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Blackhawk Farms Wrap -Up

Don Brubaker, event chairman

Our Blackhawk event this year had a disappointing turn-out. A variety of factors conspired to limit attendance, but those who did show had a great time both on and off the track. With a temperature over 95, drivers, tires and cars fatigued quickly; however, throughout the day, drivers were well-behaved with a much cleaner than usual event. We ran very close to schedule all day and last runs were finished about 4:00. We have to thank profusely those who were corner workers, Sandy GaNun who ran corner workers, Craig Bielat who handled grid, Barb Carroll who ran registration both before and during the event like a Swiss watch, Alfredo Giallanza, and Mike and Dianne Besic. Several of us noted that Tony Cavaliere was having great fun with his GTV.....ALL DAY without breaking! The same could be said for all the participants.

We'll publish the times for all the participants in a future issue



Photos by Dave Johnson

### New Alfa for the US market! Really?

Motor Trend is reporting that Alfa Romeo is planning to introduce a new Giulia sedan to the US in 2014, that will offer a 3.6 ltr V-6 based on the Chrysler design, with MultiAir technology, and to offer AWD. There's a good chance that it will be built in Belvedere, alongside the Alfa-based Dart. The final design is yet to be determined, although it is expected to be offered in a wagon version as well.

Maybe there's a new Giulia berlina in my future, to be garaged alongside our old one! I almost don't care what it looks like - I want one.

Roberto







### **Baby Announcement!**

Steve Crowley proudly announces the arrival of his new bambino, a Giulietta Sprint. It came stuffed with parts, some of which you can see piled in front of it here in his garage. A solid bottom is the basis of what should be a terrific restoration project, with a few performance upgrades to be thrown in for fun. It becomes a brother to the black Duetto you can see is alongside, making for a beautiful family.

### **Coming up..**

**August 16th, 2012**

Club meeting (7:00 PM) at:

Spuntino's

516 Higgins Rd

Park Ridge

Come out and join us for food and conversation in a casual setting!

**September 20th, 2012**

Club meeting at Spuntino's-

same as above

Meeting are on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

The full calendar, a list of club officers, disclaimers, membership information, etc. can be found at [www.caroc.com](http://www.caroc.com)

### **The Prez says:**

I had a great time visiting family and friends in Italy during the month of June. The mode of transportation for the trip was a new 1.6 Ltr. Giulietta turbodiesel. An Alfa I would choose as a daily partner without hesitation were it available stateside. The why is a story for next time!

I returned home on July 1st. and promptly began bleeding the brakes on the GTV. The last to do prep. for our Blackhawk event on July 2nd. It certainly wasn't planned that way nor was it poor planning. Rather, blame an unfortunate coincidence and an uncooperative Alitalia.

Since persistent electrical gremlins were finally sorted prior to my trip, I was very anxious to get some track time. It didn't matter that my body was synched to another time zone and sleep deprived. It also didn't matter that we would need to endure scorching 100 plus temperatures with a heat index that would easily steam a Chicago hot dog to perfection. I was determined to participate in the Blackhawk event on July 2nd. and got to play with twelve others. Life issues notwithstanding where were You?

For your benefit I've asked our webmaster to update our website with a link to some in car video from the event. Hopefully it will renew your interest! Why don't we all try to catch Marco next time?

Ci vediamo?

Tony